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1. LIBRARIAN OF CONGRESS, DR. DANIEL J. BOORSTIN, TODAY (NOVEMBER 23) CONCLUDED A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL THREE-DAY VISIT TO SOFIA WITH DISCUSSIONS AT THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY "KIRIL I METODIY", HEADED BY DIRECTOR MRS. KOSTADINKA KALAYZHIEVA. DR. BOORSTIN AND MRS. KALAYDZHIEVA, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM HER TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES, DISCUSSED A PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS AND THE BULGARIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR 1977-78. AFTERWARDS MRS. KALAYDZHIEVA PERSONALLY ESCORTED DR. AND MRS. BOORSTIN TO THE CRYPT OF THE ALEXANDER NEVSKY CATHEDRAL WHERE PREPARATIONS ARE UNDER WAY FOR OPENING OF AN EXHIBIT OF RARE MANUSCRIPTS TO BE DISPLAYED TOGETHER WITH THE PERMANENT COLLECTION OF IKONS.

DR. BOORSTIN IS A PROMINENT AMERICAN HISTORIAN, FORMER PROFESSOR AND HIGHLY-REGARDED AUTHOR. YESTERDAY
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(NOV 22) HE MET WITH PROF. BLAGOVEST SENDOV, RECTOR OF

UNIVERSITY KLIMENT OKHRIDSKI, FOLLOWED BY A TWO-HOUR DISCUSSION WITH PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY TEACHING AND STUDYING AMERICAN HISTORY. THE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL DISCUSSION, CONVERGING AMERICAN HISTORY, POLITICAL SYSTEM, AND RECENT ELECTIONS, WAS HEADED BY PROF. NIKOLAI GENCHEV, DEAN OF HISTORY AT THE UNIVERSITY.

THE BULGARIAN COMMITTEE OF ART & CULTURE PRETARED DR. BOORSTEIN'S OFFICIAL PROGRAM. AMONG THE HIGH RANKING OFFICIALS OF THE COMMITTEE WITH WHOM DR. BOORSTIN HELD TALKS WERE FIRST DEPUTY DIRECTOR LYUBOMIR LEVCHEV, WHO IS A NOTED BULGARIAN PET, DEPUTY DIRECTOR PEYO BERBENLIEV, CHIEF OF DIRECTORATE FOR INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL COOPERATION WHO RECENTLY PARTICIPATED AT THE DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SEMINAR ON BULGARIA.

THE INSTITUTE OF HISTORY OF THE BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES INVITED DR. BOORSTIN FOR A VISIT AND AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BY PROFESSIONAL HISTORIANS. ACADEMICIAN KHRISTO KHRISTOV AND SENIOR MEMBERS OF HIS STALL BRIEFED DR. BOORSTIN ABOUT THE INSTITUTE, INCLUDING ITS CURRENT 14 VOLUME PROJECT DEVOTED TO BULGARIAN HISTORY. IN TURN THE BULGARIAN HISTORIANS WERE INTERESTED TO HEAR DR. BOORSTIN'S VIEWS ABOUT CURRENTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY, ESPECIALLY THE CONTEMPORARY PERIOD.

LAST SUNDAY (NOVEMBER 21), THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BULGARIA, MARTIN F. HERZ AND MRS. HERZ HOSTED A DINNER IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR & MRS. BOORSTIN. GUESTS INCLUDED WELL-KNOWN PERSONALITIES FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE COMMITTEE OF ART & CULTURE, THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, AND THE UNIVERSITY. AFTER DINNER, DR. BOORSTIN INFORMED THE GUESTS ABOUT THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, INCLUDING ITS 8,043 8;3 ?7)&-48-, :9))3:589,. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A LIVELY DISCUSSION CONCERNING VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES FOR FUTURE BILATERAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND BULGARIA.

DESPITE THEIR BUSY SCHEDULE PROFESSOR AND MRS. BOORSTIN SEIZED OPPORTUNITIES TO VISIT SOFIA'S FAMOUS SIGHTS, AND THEY TRAVELED TO RUMANIA BY CAR IN ORDER TO SEE MORE OF BULGARIA.

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